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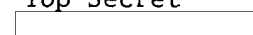
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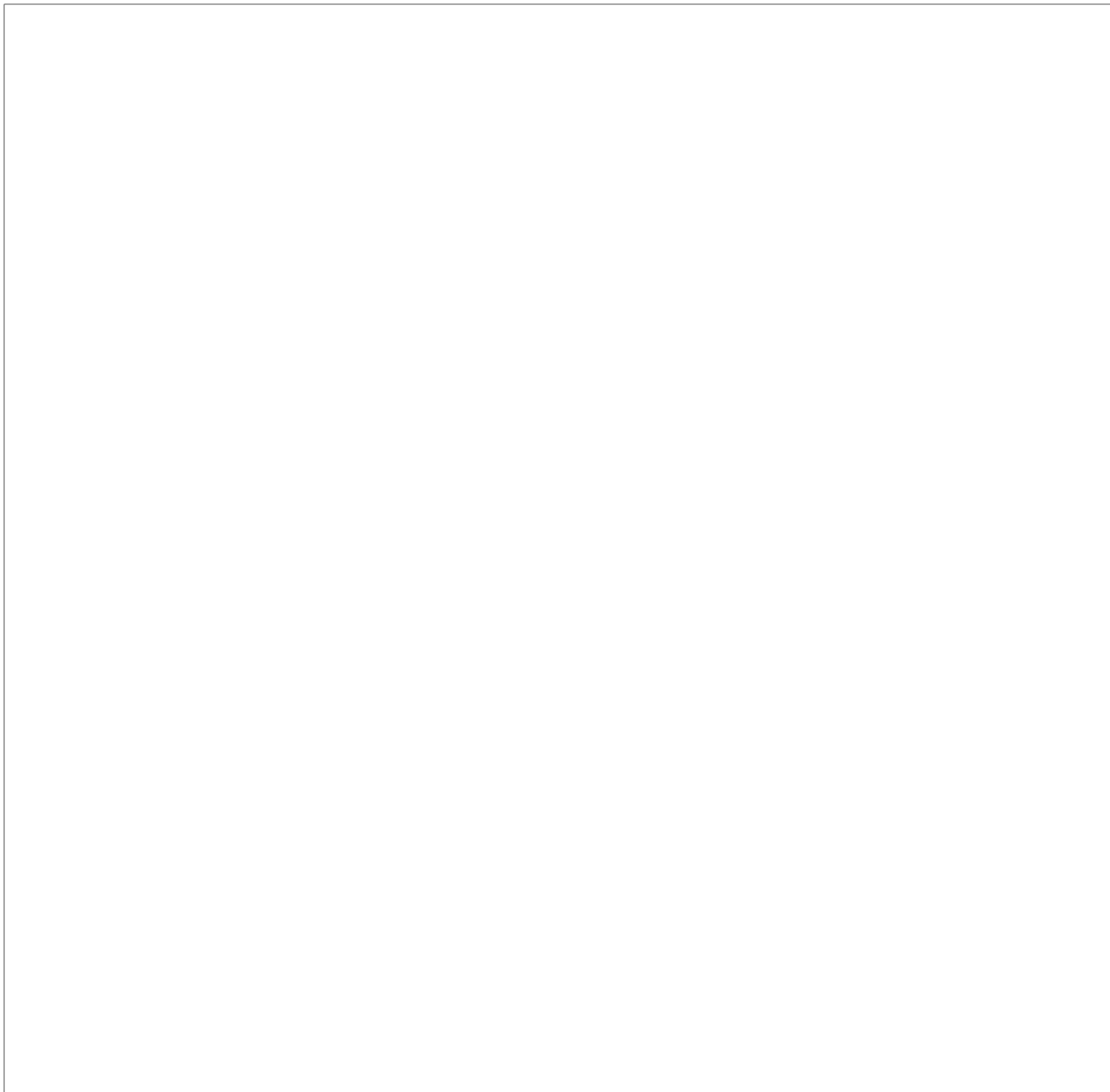
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Rafsanjani's Arab Trip

Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani arrived in Syria yesterday after visits to Algeria and Libya. Rafsanjani told the press in Libya that Iran was not completely satisfied with the Algerian offer to mediate the war with Iraq. He indicated that Tehran had hoped for a more explicit condemnation of "Iraq's aggression" by the Algerians.

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POLAND

A two-day, apparently spirited session of parliament late last week demonstrated that the Polish Government still has not found a sure path out of the current crisis. [redacted]

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Premier Pinkowski, who delivered the principal address at the meeting, attempted to portray the government as acting purposefully and in good faith. He cited the ways in which the regime has honored the strike settlement agreements of last August and how it is cutting back on expenditures to make more funds available for consumption. The Premier also reviewed the progress of various commissions in drawing up social and economic reform programs and assured his listeners that incompetent and corrupt officials are being weeded out. [redacted]

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Pinkowski, however, warned that "we are threatened with chaos, with all the social and political consequences it entails." He was especially concerned about continuing threats of strikes, complaining bitterly about "the lowering of discipline, bordering at times on impermissible anarchy." The parliament largely shared this concern, noting in its final resolution that "in the present circumstances, bringing more--even well-grounded--pay and social postulates can only worsen the situation and postpone delivery from the crisis." [redacted]

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The regime probably appreciates that such steps are risky, raising as they do basic questions about Moscow's level of tolerance over power sharing in a Communist state. As Pinkowski reminded the parliament, "only a socialist

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Poland, linked with the Soviet Union and all the Warsaw Pact countries, is capable of safeguarding for our nation the condition for sovereign propitious development." [redacted]

Compromise between institutions, however, is not at the heart of Poland's current difficulties. Compromises are being reached at the highest levels, but lower level officials and constituent organizations are failing to operate in the same constructive spirit. A deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers, for example, complained that small groups currently are frustrating long-term rationalization plans in the mining, construction, and sugar refining industries by stirring up local disputes. [redacted] 25X1

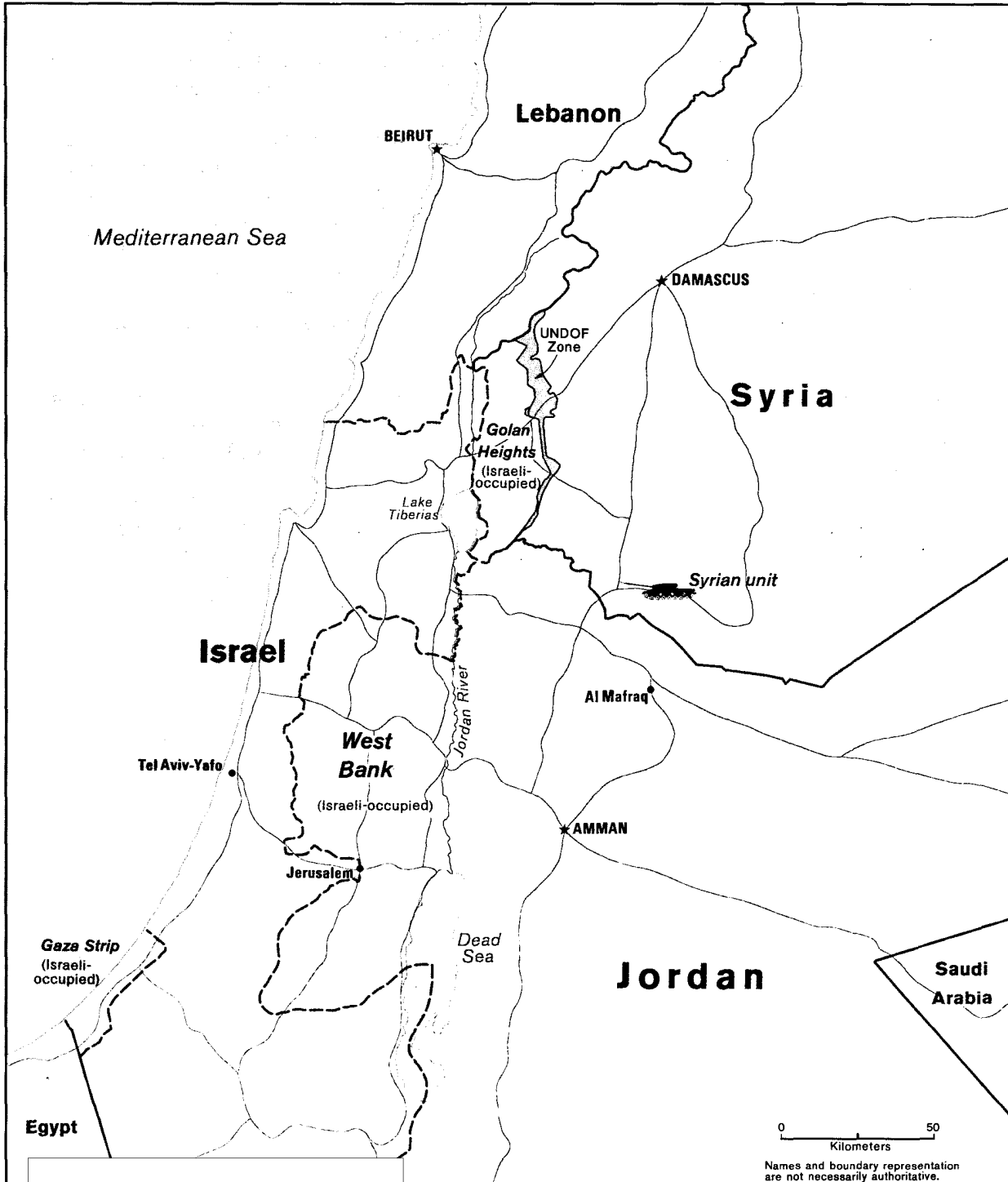
He also recounted being threatened, after two months of intermittent negotiations, with a rail strike today and a takeover of management of part of the rail system. That threat was subsequently withdrawn, only to be replaced by a threat from Solidarity headquarters in Warsaw, which wants one of its volunteer workers released from custody after a police raid on its facilities last week. Prospects for an end to these strike threats and their underlying social tensions are not in sight. [redacted] 25X1

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SYRIA-JORDAN: Troop Movements

Major elements of a Syrian armored division moved from their normal garrisons south of Damascus over the weekend to positions near the Jordanian border. [REDACTED]

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In response to the Syrian action, a Jordanian anti-tank battalion has moved to Al Mafrag on the Jordanian side of the border. The troop movements may be related to continuing Syrian attempts to postpone the Arab summit scheduled to start in Amman tomorrow. Damascus contends that Jordanian and Iraqi support for President Assad's domestic opponents makes it inappropriate to hold the summit now, particularly in Amman. [REDACTED]

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Assad also may be using the troop movements to underscore the seriousness with which he wants the Arabs to regard his charges of Jordanian and Iraqi meddling and to signal--especially to Saudi Arabia--Syria's troublemaking potential and the length it is prepared to go to scuttle Arab initiatives it opposes. Although Assad is probably not prepared to launch a military attack, he could raise tensions by closing Syria's border with Jordan or by lowering or severing diplomatic relations with it. [REDACTED]

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NICARAGUA: Standoff Continues

The opposition continues to press for concessions, but the Sandinistas are likely to stand firm despite mounting problems.

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The leading private-sector organization is calling for an investigation into the killing of prominent businessman Jorge Salazar last Monday and is portraying Salazar as a democratic martyr. The organization wants to avoid a confrontation, however, and is pushing non-Sandinista political parties and labor unions to take the lead in negotiating with the government. Back-up leaders have been designated in case the Sandinistas follow through on a threat to arrest officers of the businessmen's association.

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The Sandinistas have presented little evidence to substantiate their claim that Salazar headed an international conspiracy against the regime, and their hard line threatens to provoke further capital flight and middle-class emigration. Armed actions by counter-revolutionary bands in the north present a persistent dilemma.

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Moreover, the current crisis apparently has exacerbated divisions within the Sandinista National Directorate. Factions headed by Interior Minister Borge and Agricultural Development Minister Wheelock--long-time rivals--reportedly are at loggerheads over the appropriate strategy for dealing with the opposition.

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In recent months, the Directorate has tended to deal firmly with dissidents--rather than make tactical concessions as it did earlier in the year--and is unlikely to bend under pressure now. If their popular support continues to erode, the Sandinistas may rely increasingly on force to maintain their power.

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USSR-NORWAY: Campaign Against Storing US Equipment

Moscow is intensifying its campaign against the storing of US military equipment in Norway. Soviet commentary claims the draft US-Norwegian memorandum of understanding violates Oslo's prohibition against foreign bases and nuclear weapons and, along with Norway's recent decision to increase military spending, contributes to Washington's alleged "new nuclear strategy" in northern Europe. Moscow's warning that the agreement is "dangerous" to Norway is intended to spur elements in the ruling Labor Party to oppose signing the memorandum of understanding next month. Norwegian Foreign Minister Frydenlund is scheduled to visit Moscow just after the signing, and the Soviets are certain to raise the storage issue.

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ZIMBABWE: Reaction to Detentions

Zimbabwe African People's Union leader Joshua Nkomo has reacted with restraint to the arrest last Thursday of nine middle-level ZAPU officials, including one member of parliament. The detentions were ordered by Prime Minister Mugabe's intelligence chief without Nkomo's knowledge; as Minister of Home Affairs, Nkomo is supposed to have authority over the police. Although some senior ZAPU officials were calling for a more belligerent stance against Mugabe even before the recent arrests, most agreed to continue backing Nkomo's determination not to initiate a break with the government unless provoked to do so. If Nkomo were to pull ZAPU out of the governing coalition, Mugabe's party would still have enough seats to govern, but the chances for political instability and further clashes along tribal lines would increase markedly.

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SOUTH KOREA: Economic Stimulus

Seoul has had to compromise its anti-inflation policy further with stopgap stimulation measures in order to assist the growing number of business firms facing financial collapse because of weak domestic demand, mounting inventories, and tight credit. The latest stimulus package--the third since June--is more expansionary than earlier measures; it lowers domestic excise taxes on consumer durables, reduces interest rates by 2 percent, and expands available credit substantially. To aid exporters, Seoul is allowing the won to depreciate rapidly. Seoul may also delay reforms--President Chun reportedly will not push his unpopular plan to force major business firms to divest themselves of unproductive but profitable real estate holdings.

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